CABE Committee set up for this purpose and circulated to State Government's for their views, as well as placed on the department's website for the information of the public.

(d) While all State Governments have not yet responded, suggestions have been received from some.

(e) to (g) Do not arise as, the Bill has not yet been finalized.

B.Ed. through correspondence courses

†485. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments are not recognising the B.Ed. courses conducted through correspondence by the universities funded by the U.G.C.;

(b) the number of students who have passed the B.Ed. examination through correspondence in the year 1994 from Choudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut in Uttar Pradesh and the number of those students selected in Uttar Pradesh in special B.T.C. who passed B.Ed. through correspondence in the year 1994; and

(c) the reasons for not appointing the students who passed B.Ed. through correspondence in the year 1994 from Choudhary Charan Singh University in the B.T.C. 2004 by the Government of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per the NCTE Act, 1993, all institutions including Universities conducting any teacher education course are required to seek recognition from NCTE and not the State Governments. NCTE has laid down norms and standards in respect of B.Ed. courses including those imparted through open and distance learning systems. B.Ed. programmes through open and distance learning can only be offered by an Open University or by Directorate of Distance/Correspondence Education of the Universities and is meant for in-service teachers only and not for freshers.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.